

CHANNEY-KILBANE BOUT IN PHILADELPHIA WOULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO GAME HERE

WILL PHILADELPHIA FALL FOR PRELIMINARY BATTLE BETWEEN FEATHERWEIGHTS?

Jimmy Dunn, Champion Kilbane's Manager, Is Out for the Money and Balks on Terms for Bout With Chaney

THE plan of Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, to unload a six-round bout on the Philadelphia boxing fans, has met with little success to date.

It seems as if the fight managers are looking toward this city as another New York, a place where they can stage any sort of a mill and get away with it.

Dunn signed a contract drawn up by himself and one which gave him all the best of it, for Kilbane to meet Chaney in a 15-round bout in Baltimore.

Dunn Admits He Is Out for the Money

Then Dunn immediately tried to crawl out of the original match. He bluntly told Cleveland critics that he was out for the money and did not see why he should box Chaney in a 15-round bout where the title was at stake.

Dunn has given many reasons why Kilbane should not meet Chaney in Baltimore since his home town critics refused to accept or endorse his "get the money" scheme.

Rocap's Honesty Cannot Be Questioned

Billy Rocap has been identified with the boxing game for 25 years and has been to a large extent responsible for the wonderful improvement in the game since the old days.

Dunn has posted \$1000 with Ed Bang, Sports Editor of the Cleveland News, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of Kilbane to box Chaney, but he names several conditions which do not meet with the approval of fight critics and fans.

Yesterday Al Hereford offered a large purse than the original contract called for, and it was signed and not merely agreed upon by Dunn and Kilbane.

Kilbane Losing Popularity

Few champions who have appeared here in recent years are as popular with the fans as Kilbane, as he always has pleased with an excellent exhibition, but he is due to lose his popularity if he permits Dunn to adopt such methods.

It is an excellent thing for a boxer, particularly a champion, to have such faith in his manager, but it is not reasonable to suppose that Dunn has acted as he has without the full consent, knowledge and permission of Kilbane.

Perhaps the content might be an excellent drawing card in Philadelphia, but if it is, it will not be due to the publicity given the affair, as but few critics would look seriously upon the match, knowing that it is merely a preliminary to the main show.

Dunn admits that he is out for the money. Therefore there apparently is little chance for a real battle in this city, as a decisive result would surely mean a cancellation or falling off in receipts for the Baltimore fight.

Dismissal of Federal League Suit Hailed With Joy

Baseball magnates, players and fans are elated over the dismissal of the Federal League's suit against organized ball. Had the suit been pressed, as the Baltimore Federal Club owners threatened, and had Judge Landis finally rendered a decision, it is certain that the effect of the decision upon the national game would have been great.

Everybody is glad that the issue was not forced and that baseball will go on very much as it did in the past. Organized ball has seen the error of its ways, and many of the weak points of the national agreement will be altered so that there will be no grounds for a similar suit in the future.

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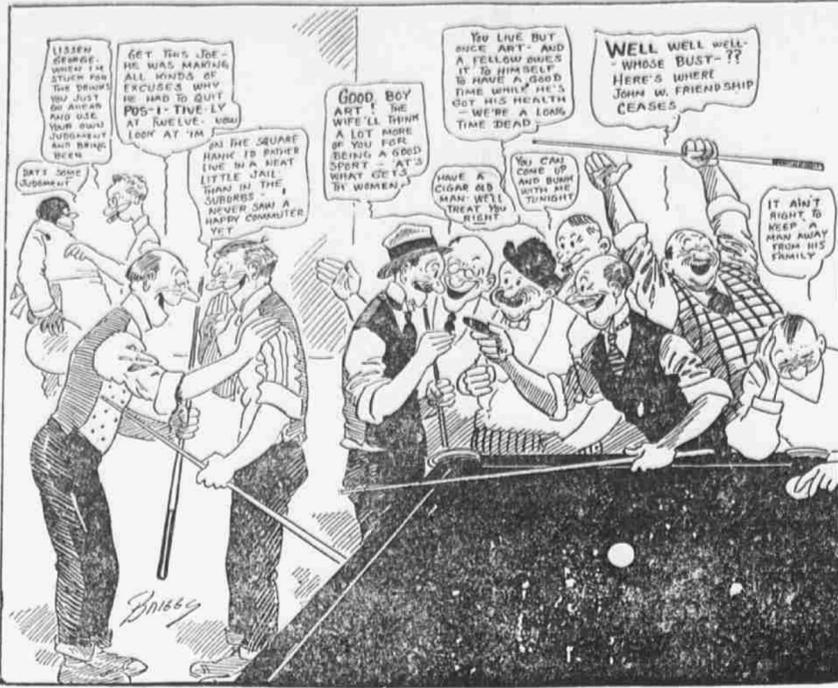
Landis' Congratulations on Honesty of Baseball

I want to say that in all the preliminary evidence and the various arguments when the records were gone over with a fine-tooth comb to find something injurious to the other side, not the slightest evidence was presented to cause the most suspicious person to impugn the honor of the game or of any of the individual players.

The Giants have closed negotiations with Harry Sinclair for Ed Rousch, the brilliant young outfielder of the Newark Reds. The addition of Rousch will be a great help to McGraw, as he is rated as a wonderful youngster.

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KELLY—THE SUBURBANITE DECIDES TO "STAY IN TOWN"



FOOT FAULT RULE SHOULD BE MODIFIED, DECLARES TILDEN

Expert Urges Distinction Between Voluntary and Involuntary Fouls While Serving in Tournament Play

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

Foot fault is a particularly sore point to many people and one which has caused more unprintable remarks than any other point in tennis. The following is the rule of the National Association:

Official Interpretation of Law 6: If a foot be lifted and replaced, there must be no change of position that can possibly be considered a step.

Let us quote from the July Issue of American Lawn Tennis, edited by Mr. S. W. Merriewh: "It is obvious that the foot fault rule should be enforced everywhere and at all times. It will be said that this is impossible. Perhaps it is. The difficulty of securing efficient and veritate foot fault judges is so great that many clubs give up the task in despair."

Manifoldly Unfair: Yet it is manifoldly unfair to permit some players to foot fault and penalize others for doing so. And the players who serve properly are entitled to protection.

Those of us who have had the misfortune to acquire this latter, and all of us have in some form, and also have had the equal misfortune to have Mr. Merriewh in the air, Boston is looking for several players, especially a first baseman.

As an example of this attitude of Mr. Merriewh's, take the finals at Wilmington last year between Sidie Thayer and Joseph J. Armstrong. Armstrong is known to be a foot-faulter of the worst type in swinging over the line.

Mr. Merriewh rules the words "if desired" to mean that the foot raised "must" (not "if desired") be replaced in the same spot before the server can move. We used to believe that "if desired" was a very reasonable thing and not compulsory, but it seems we are wrong.

There are great examples of foot faulting around Philadelphia. Stanley Pearson and L. C. Wister both crowd the line and cross it before serving. A. E. Kennedy, Jr., had a remarkable "hop" which was a terrible foot fault.

Chief Meyers May Join Dodgers: NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Chief Meyers, for years the Giants' first-line catcher, may wear a Brooklyn uniform next year, it was learned today.

Advertisement for BAYUK BROS. cigars, featuring a pack of cigars and the text "HAWANA RIBBON" and "5c Cigar".

Advertisement for FRIDENBERG DIAMONDS, located at 37 N. 11th St. and N. W. Cor. 9th & Buttonwood.

Advertisement for LORD CIGAR, "EXCEEDINGLY BETTER", sold from the Sanitary Humidor.

Advertisement for PALACE A. C. NORRISTOWN, featuring Y'g Jack O'Brien 15 Rounds.

Advertisement for LIGHT fixtures, stating "A certain Philadelphia firm makes a specialty of artistic lighting fixtures."

THREE TIES BREAK IN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TONIGHT

To Snap Deadlock for First Place W. E. May Use Simindinger and Kerr ARE EASTERN LEAGUERS

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT: Western Electric vs. E. G. Budd, Hale & Kilburn vs. Standard Roller Bearing.

The tie that persists in binding the Industrial League teams together will be broken in three separate places, as a result of the two games in the Quaker City Hall, 20th and Dauphin streets, tonight.

Because the battle between Western Electric and E. G. Budd will decide a temporary league leader, the game will be the big attraction of the evening.

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ROGER BRESNAHAN

BRESNAHAN TO BE DECLARED A FREE AGENT; CLUBS WAIVER

Roger Reaches Agreement With Weeghman and May Purchase Toledo Franchise

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N. L. SCHEDULE FOR 1916 TO BE ADOPTED TODAY

Effort to Extend Player Limit Probably Will Be Defeated

MANY DEALS EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—It was a happy bunch of magnates who gathered here today for the National League meeting.

The schedule will be adopted today. This is merely preliminary. An effort to extend the player limit will be made by Harry Homestead, president of the Giants.

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Advertisement for MONEY TO LOAN, featuring "FRIDENBERG DIAMONDS" and "LORD CIGAR".

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—KILBANE HITS THE BOX OFFICE, MIKE, BUT WATCHES THE OTHER FELLOW MISS HIM

A series of comic panels showing a conversation between two men. One man asks "IS THAT TRUE WHAT I HEAR ABOUT YOU?" and the other replies "ARE YOU GOING TO RETIRE FROM THE PUGILISTIK RING?" followed by "WELL MIKEL, I'M SUPPRIZED!" and "YOU WERE MAKING SUCH GOOD MONEY TOO!"